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### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the ASFPM Foundation is to promote public policy through select strategic initiatives and serve as an incubator for long-term policy development that promotes wise floodplain management.

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## **WE HONOR THE PASSING OF A LEGEND: GILBERT F. WHITE 1911-2006**

A global citizen. An innovative, public-minded scientist. A guiding force that has ever changed our world for the better. This was Gilbert White. In his decades of service to his students, country, planet, and science as a whole, he has inspired many and helped millions.

Known as the 'Father of Floodplain Management', he was instrumental in the investigations and reports that preceded the passage of the 1968 National Flood Insurance Act, and maintained a vigilant watch on the unfolding of the massive, multilayered framework of flood loss reduction, insurance, and mitigation actions that sprang from that Act.

A long time member of the ASFPM, White became an inaugural trustee of the ASFPM Foundation in 1996, established to promote wise floodplain management. The Foundation sponsors the Gilbert F. White National Flood Policy Forum, which periodically convenes the field's scientists and experts to consider and explore pressing policy issues. The next Forum will be held in Washington, DC November 2007. Its topic will be the future of floodplain management, a future White worked his whole life to develop and protect.

Gilbert White led an astonishingly full life filled with prestigious positions in numerous societies, institutions,

and foundations. He was president of the Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment which sponsored serious discussion in the 1970s, and later a book and conference on global warming. For the last twenty-six years he had been the Gustavson Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Geography at the University of Colorado. He also received numerous awards and recognitions, including the 1987 Tyler prize for Environmental Achievement, the Association of American Geographers Lifetime Achievement award, and the National Medal of Science by President Clinton in 2000.

His amazing life and achievements are chronicled in Robert Hinshaw's Living with Nature's Extremes, published this past spring by Johnson Books. Copies can be obtained through the ASFPM at [http://www.floods.org/TheOrganization/GFW\\_Bio.asp](http://www.floods.org/TheOrganization/GFW_Bio.asp).

If you would like to honor the memory of Gilbert White and his life-long work to reduce the costs and suffering from flooding, please consider making a donation to the Foundation in his memory. All donations will be used to further the interests and efforts of Gilbert White, as determined by the Foundation. For a pledge card go to: [www.floods.org/Foundation/Files/ASFPM\\_Fndtn\\_Pledge\\_Form\\_GFW.pdf](http://www.floods.org/Foundation/Files/ASFPM_Fndtn_Pledge_Form_GFW.pdf)

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## ASFPM FOUNDATION POLICY SYMPOSIUM AND GILBERT F. WHITE NATIONAL FLOOD POLICY FORUM

The Foundation is working on two potential events that will assist in furthering floodplain management policy for the nation.

The ASFPM Foundation will hold a policy symposium focused on lessons learned from the Gulf Coast post-hurricane recovery efforts. The symposium is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2007. The intended purpose of this event is to facilitate necessary national policy dialogue as a result of lessons learned following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The current plan is to hold this symposium approximately 2 months after a proposed ASFPM Mitigation workshop that is under FEMA and ASFPM consideration at this time.

In November 2007, the Foundation intends to host the second Gilbert F. White National Flood Policy Forum in the Washington, DC area. The proposed topic is "Floodplain Management 2050." The purpose of the Forum is to gather leading experts within various aspects of floodplain management to evaluate a specific topic that is shaping its future. Recommendations and research needs are identified from this event. The 2007 Forum topic, "Floodplain Management 2050," is intended to focus the invited participants on whether anticipated changes in demographics, technologies, our ability to pay as a nation for projects or recovery, climate change, housing affordability, work habits, transportation habits, environmental needs, and other factors validate or suggest needed change in our floodplain management approaches. Each invited participant will be required to provide a background paper on the topic. These papers serve both as a benchmark for standard practice and current thinking, and to provide the support needed to define policy recommendations and future research needs.

The first Gilbert F. White National Flood Policy Forum was held in November 2004 and focused on policy issues associated with the 1-percent-annual flood standard. A group of approximately 80 experts were convened, with each invited participant required to provide a background paper on the topic. The Forum Report Summary, Final Report, Background Issue Papers, and MS Power Point Presentation are available online at <http://www.floods.org/Foundation/Forum.asp>.

### A WORD FROM OUR SUPPORTERS...

*We appreciate the generous support we receive from our corporate donors. We thank Dewberry for their continuing support of the Foundation. Below Dewberry talks about their firm and the services they provide:*

Dewberry is a 1,840-person professional services firm operating nationally. The firm maintains 33 offices and provides services in program management, planning, engineering, architecture, surveying, geographic information services, and the environmental sciences. Clients include government agencies at all levels, corporations, real estate developers, colleges and universities, school districts, and other commercial and institutional organizations.

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Dewberry is proud of its work associated with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that includes:

- Over 30 years of experience performing flood studies and producing Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) as a FEMA contractor
- More than 150 experienced flood mapping engineers, geographers, and support personnel, 85 of which are ASFPM Certified Floodplain Managers (CFMs)
- Expert knowledge of FEMA Guidelines & Specifications
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- 24 years of experience providing technical and program support to FEMA's Public Assistance Program on a wide-array of disaster response, recovery, and mitigation assignments

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## NEW STRATEGIC PLAN AND BY-LAWS FOR THE FOUNDATION

The Board of Trustees approved a new Strategic Plan in March of 2006. It establishes a revised Mission and Vision Statement for the Foundation and a new committee structure:

**Mission:** The mission of the ASFPM Foundation is to promote public policy through select strategic initiatives and serve as an incubator for long-term policy development that promotes wise floodplain management.

**Vision:** The ASFPM Foundation is the respected and recognized leader in focusing attention on and promoting the resolution of issues critical to successful floodplain management.

**Committees:** Events; Implementation and Outreach; Development; Nominations

As an outgrowth of a review of the governance of the Foundation, the Trustees developed and approved a new set of by-laws that were approved in September 2006. These new by-laws establish an Executive Committee for the Foundation – a smaller group of Trustees to help improve the efficiency of Foundation management and allows for proxy voting. The Executive Committee is composed of a minimum of five members: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer of the Foundation, and Chairs of Foundation Committees. The first meeting of this governing committee was held on 10 October 2006. The full board will still meet a minimum of two times each year.

## FOUNDATION DONATIONS UPDATE

With a goal of \$100,000 again this year, we have a long way to go. As of October 31, 2006, contributions equal \$4,375. Only through your generous support can we reach our final goal. Together we can help guide the future of wise floodplain management!

### Donors from July 1, 2006 to October 31, 2006

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## AUCTION EXCITEMENT COMING TO NORFOLK IN 2007

ASFPM's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico this past June proved to be an exciting one. Not only did the auction have a live component, but we were more successful than last year! The over \$9,000 contributed goes to benefit the Foundation and it's mission to promote wise floodplain management. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this success. Be sure to join us in Norfolk, Virginia this coming June 3 – 8, 2007 for more auction excitement at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference. See you there!

## THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR

Due to the generous donations of many, the Foundation raised over \$81,000 last year. Thank you to all the individuals, groups, corporations, and to the contributors to the silent/live auction in Albuquerque in June for helping us to further fund education and discussion of the future of floodplain management.

